[House Bill.]

HOUSE OF REPESENTATIVES, January 6, 1864.—Read first and second times, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. Funsten.]

A BILL

To be entitled "An Act to provide for disabled officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates and seamen.

Section 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That all officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates and seamen, who have or shall become disabled by wounds or other injuries received, or disease contracted in the service of the Confederate States and in the line of duty, shall be retired or discharged from their respective positions as hereinafter provided. But the rank, pay and emoluments of such officers, and the pay and emoluments of such non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates and seamen, shall continue to the end of the war, or as long as they shall contine so retired or discharged.

Sec. 2. That all persons claiming the benefits of this act shall present themselves for examination to one of the medical examining boards now established by law. Upon the certificate of such board that such permanent disability exists, such persons shall be retired or discharged, as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. That all persons retired or discharged, as aforesaid, shall, periodically, and at least once in six months, present themselves to one of said boards for further examination, the result of which examination shall be reported by such board to the Secretary of War. And if any such person shall fail so to report himself to such board, whenever he shall be required so to do, he shall be dropped from said retired or discharged list, and become liable to conscription under the terms of the law, unless such failure shall be caused by physical disability.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of War may assign such officers, and order the detail of such non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates and seamen for such duty as they shall be qualified to perform. If any such non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates and seamen, shall be relieved from disability they shall be restored to duty.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of War shall make all needful rules and regulations for the action of the medical boards, as aforesaid.

SEC. 6. That vacancies caused by the retirement of officers under this act, shall be filled as in case of the death or resignation of such officers.

SEC. 7. This act shall be in force from its passage.